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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR ON
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

REF: A) VIENNA 2453, B) VIENNA 2520

1. LOCAL FURORE OVER CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S AND FON MIN
PAHR'S STATEMENTS ON MARCH 11 TERRORIST ACTION IN
ISRAEL (VIENNA 2453 AND 2520) HAS SERVED TO DEFLECT
PUBLIC ATTENTION AWAY FROM A STATEMENT ON NEUTRON BOMB
ISSUE WHICH PAHR WAS REPORTED BY LOCAL PRESS ALSO TO
HAVE MADE DURING COURSE OF HIS UNFORTUNATE PRESS
CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT MARCH 13.

2. AS PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT, PAHR "CALLED ON THE
U.S. NOT TO IMPLEMENT ITS PLANS FOR A NEUTRON BOMB,
SINCE DETENTE IS NOT CREDIBLE IF IT DOES NOT GO HAND IN
HAND WITH EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT ON THE PART OF BOTH
POWER BLOCS."

3. MFA DEP SEC GEN STEINER, WHO ACCOMPANIED PAHR ON
MIDEAST TRIP, TELEPHONED DCM MARCH 15 TO STATE THAT
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IN THIS CASE, AS IN PLO TERRORIST CASE, FON MIN HAD BEEN
MISQUOTED. ACCORDING TO STEINER, IN RESPONSE TO A
TASS CORRESPONDENT'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT AUSTRIA WAS
DOING AGAINST NEUTRON BOMB, PAHR SAID THAT AUSTRIA
WAS AGAINST "ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS" AND THAT GOA "MAKES
NO DIFFERENTIATION AMONG VARIOUS TYPES OF SUCH
WEAPONS." PAHR THEN WENT ON TO STATE, SAID STEINER,

THAT "IF DETENTE IS TO SUCCEED, IT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT."

4. COMMENT. WE ARE INCLINED TO GIVE CREDENCE TO
STEINER'S AVOWAL THAT FON MIN DID NOT SINGLE OUT
NEUTRON BOMB IN HIS STATEMENT; WE WILL BE ABLE TO
CONFIRM WHEN WE RECEIVE TRANSCRIPT OF KUWAIT PRESS
CONFERENCE WHICH STEINER HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE.
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